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## Presentation Format

**Overview**

**Changes Made/In Progress**

*Changes deployed to production*

*Changes likely to pass testing*

**Bucket List**

*Our list of potential improvements before 2020*

*Your list of potential improvements*

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## Microsoft Dynamics 365

Enhanced security with all updates/features

Changes will be cosmetic

Functionality of WisVote absentee will remain the same

Testing is ongoing

No deployment date has been set

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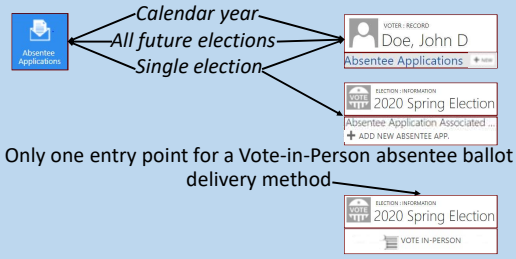
# Absentee Applications

Two absentee period specific application entry points




Only one entry point for a Vote-in-Person absentee ballot delivery method

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# Absentee Applications

Change

Effective After Election

Allows for a new calendar year/all future elections application when a vote-in-person application exists

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# Absentee Applications

*Name of election added to the absentee applications associated view, my inactive applications, quick find, and absentee application lookup view.*

Possible addition of photo ID in the show/hide.

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# Absentee Applications

CREATE BALLOT AND PRINT

Button is available anytime an absentee application is entered for a single election and the contests and candidates on the election progress line have been checked.

Outside the election:
Save the application first, then Create Ballot and Print button becomes available

Under an election:
Create Ballot and Print is available and saves the application as well as printing the ballot if needed.

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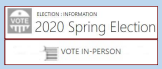
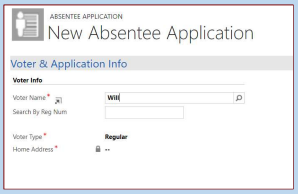
# In-Person Absentee Voting




Search feature unable to locate certain voter records only by voter registration number. It is very rare but raises concerns that there is some problem with the voter's registration when there is none. If you have experienced this problem, please forward the names of those voters.

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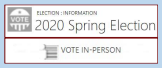
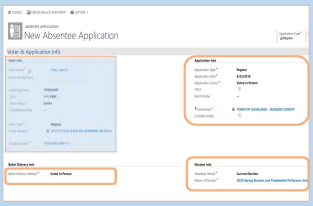



In-Person absentee applications will continue to be entered under each election with the ballot delivery method, application information and election information defaulted.

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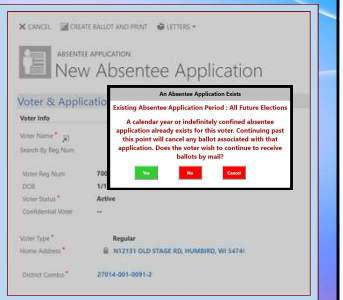
Voter search detects that an active all future elections or calendar year application exists for this voter. WisVote allows for those applications to remain in force for future elections based upon voter request.

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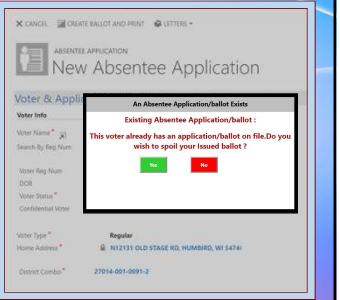
# In-Person Absentee Voting

Spoiling Ballots: Voter search detects that an application and ballot for this election is active for this voter. Clicking "Yes" inactivates the current application and ballot and creates a Vote-in-Person application and ballot when clicking "Create Ballot and Print".

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# Election Specific Applications

Absentee applications entered under a specific election will continue to appear in that election's absentee applications associated view immediately with/without the contests and candidates progress line being checked complete.

All future elections/calendar year applications entered from the absentee application tile or via voter record will appear:

- 30 days out for elections with a statewide contest
- 60 days out for elections with a federal contest
- Immediately if entered after contests/candidates are complete
- Overnight for a special election after contests/candidates are complete

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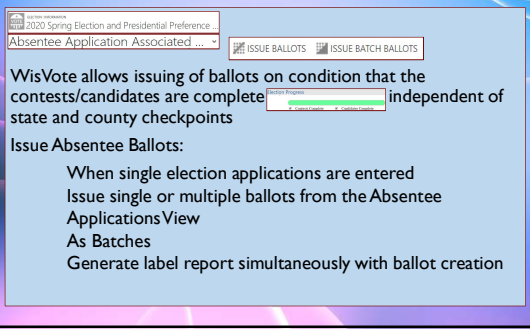
## Issuing Absentee Ballots




WisVote allows issuing of ballots on condition that the contests/candidates are complete independent of state and county checkpoints

Issue Absentee Ballots:

- When single election applications are entered
- Issue single or multiple ballots from the Absentee Applications View
- As Batches
- Generate label report simultaneously with ballot creation

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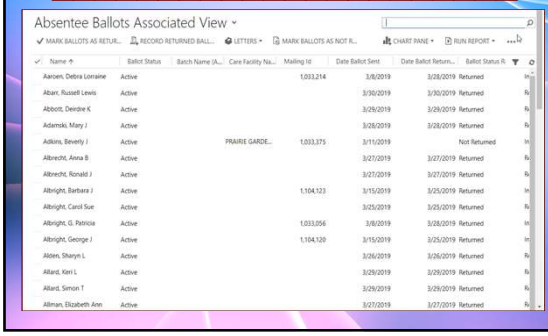


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## Issuing Ballots Using Batches

Batch absentee request form facilitates issuing ballots based upon filtering criteria entered by user.

The complete process from selecting the filters to printing of mailing labels may be completed from within the Batch Absentee Request views.

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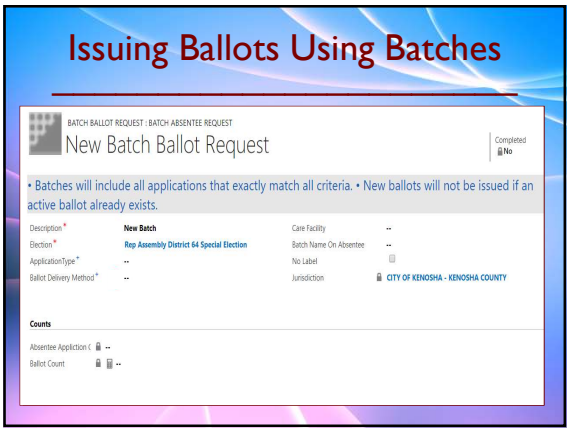


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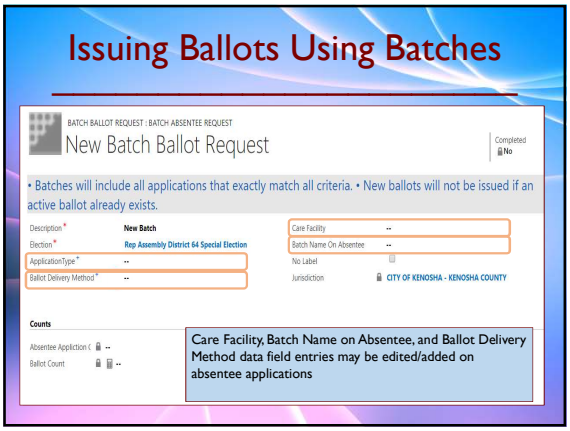


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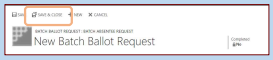
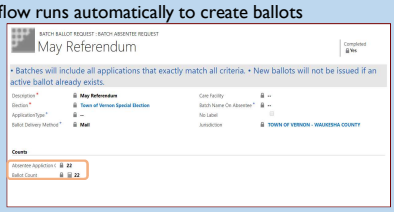
## Issuing Ballots Using Batches

Save and Close New Batch Request




Workflow runs automatically to create ballots

Absentee applications and number of ballots created from those applications

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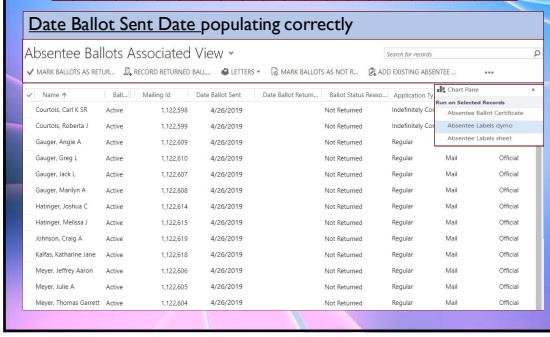
## Issuing Ballots Using Batches

Date Ballot Sent Date populating correctly

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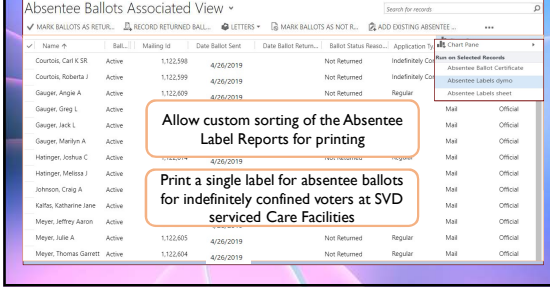


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## Absentee Ballot Reports

**Absentee Ballot Listing**

Contains all absentee ballots issued
Sorted alphabetically

**Absentee Poll Listing**

Contains all active absentee ballots
Sorted alphabetically

**Absentee Central Count**

Contains all active absentee ballots
Sorted by ward, then alphabetically with ward and grand totals
Includes barcode for scanning participations

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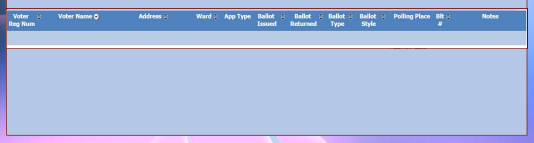
# Absentee Ballot Reports

**Absentee Ballot Listing**

**Absentee Poll Listing**

**Absentee Central Count**

Allow custom sorting/grouping of report results

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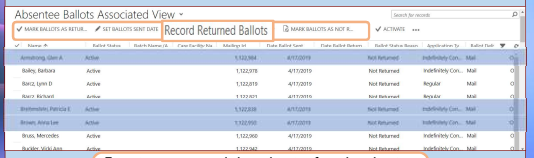
# Managing Absentee Ballots

Absentee Associated View contains the complete records of absentee ballots for management to include batch ballots. Single or multiple records may be marked for action.




Entering a returned date that is after the election automatically inactivates the ballot with the reason "Returned After Deadline

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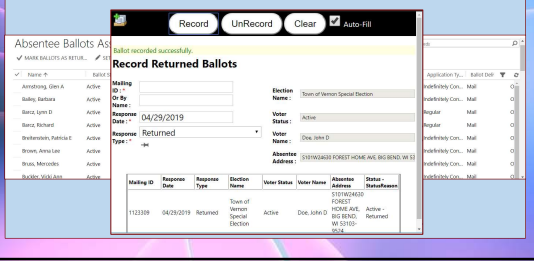
Recording of returned ballots by auto scanning or searching by name

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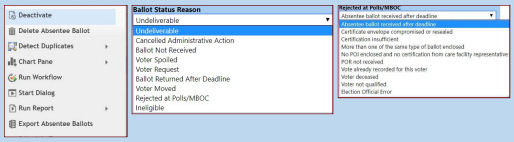
Removed as reasons for deactivating absentee ballots:

Returned Late, Absentee Ballot Postmarked after Election Day, POR not received, Postmarked After Election Day

Adding: Poll Worker Error

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## Calendar Year Letter

A "calendar year' letter is being considered for those voters with calendar year applications who do not return an absentee ballot for any election within the effective year

Similar to the "indefinitely confined" letter

No 30 days to respond

Informs applicants that their absentee application has been deactivated due to not retuning a ballot.

Informs those receiving the letter that they must reapply should they desire to continue to receive absentee ballots

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## Usability Testing

Usability testing will be a user-centered interaction with the WisVote absentee process to evaluate and gain feedback.
This can be seen as an irreplaceable usability practice, since it gives direct input on how real users use the system

The Elections Commission recently conducted extensive usability testing on Election Reconciliation

Most likely August-October time frame

May be done remotely

Cross section of users/large municipalities/smaller municipalities/new and seasoned clerks/municipal and county clerks who provide absentee support for reliers

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## QUESTIONS

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## Future Webinar

WisVote Mid-Year Round-Up
May 21, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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